

dollars. Mr. Chairman...

PRESIDENT: Are you having difficulty?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I think I would like some of the staff at least to lower their voices.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we have order in the Chamber, please. I guess maybe noise coming out from under the balconies is one of the big problems.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This hundreds of thousands of dollars computer was designed to do two things. One was to bill the patients and the other one was to be used for medical research or medical programs. And the expensive programmer they hired turned out not to know upside from down. The part of the computer that worked was the medical side. What did not work was the part where they had to bill the patients of the hospital. So they hired Kelly girls to come in and do the work the old fashioned method.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So if you want to talk about the University of Nebraska Medical Center cutting programs, I think I would look to stupid things like roads to give employees faster exits from the parking lot. And now they want a new computer because they screwed up so bad on the first one. And I say let the blood be on their hands, not this Legislature, because we are considering the Appropriations Committee's budget and I don't think the Appropriations Committee was told by the Med Center about their goof-ups. Thank you, senators, and I hope you check my story out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you ask for recognition? Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, on the Hall...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we are indeed at the ugly part of the session and in the ugly hour. So as nice as I have been all day, as much as I have tried to facilitate things, everybody else now has suddenly become very testy and at each other's throat. So since I see the way the game is going to be